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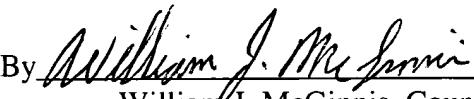
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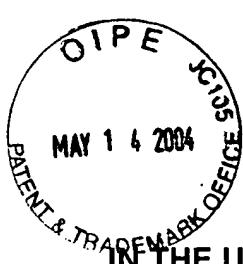
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following before **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

[0001] The present application is related to commonly owned, co-pending U.S. patent application entitled "Techniques for Providing Measurement Units Metadata," filed concurrently herewith on April 22, 2004 (Attorney Docket No. ROC920040124US1), which is incorporated herein by reference.